

Amendments to the Claims:

The present listing of the claims replaces all past listings of the claims:

Listing of claims

1. (currently amended) An ink container which is mounted on a printing device, characterized in that; comprising
the ink container comprises
a bag-like shaped ink container body formed from a flexible sheet, and
an ink supply opening having a first and a second end, the first one end thereof communicating communicates with the inside of the ink container body and the other second end being connected to the printing device, and
the bag-shaped ink container body is provided with a region for residual ink liquid, the region being disposed at the bottom, lower than the communicating end of the ink supply opening, and with shape retaining means for keeping the shape and volume of the region for residual ink liquid, wherein the shape retaining means is provided by the sheet-entry preventing member formed in the shape of an orifice pore and the direction of the orifice pore is arranged away from the ink supply opening.
2. (currently amended) The ink container according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the region for residual ink liquid consists of a part of the bottom portion of the ink container body and is disposed below and on the border of the ink supply opening.
3. (currently amended) The ink container according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the region for residual ink liquid is disposed in such a manner that a top surface thereof coincides with the lowest point of the communicating end of the ink supply opening.
4. (currently amended) The ink container according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the shape retaining means keeps the shape and volume of the region for residual ink liquid by preventing the sheet of the ink container body from entering into the region for

residual ink liquid when the sheet moves.

5. (currently amended) The ink container according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the shape retaining means is fixed to either or both of the ink container body and the ink supply opening.
6. (currently amended) The ink container according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the shape retaining means is a sheet-entry preventing member having an orifice pore or a plurality of orifice pores on the top surface thereof, the pore being allowable of coarse-grained ink through-passing.
7. (currently amended) The ink container according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the shape retaining means is formed from a non-woven fabric.